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A LEAF FROM A LAWYER'S DIARY.

[The following graphic and remarkable narrative has been obtained by us from a prominent lawyer in one of the Eastern Kentucky counties. The facts in it have not before been published, but for their entire accuracy the reputation of the writer will vouch.—*Ed. Courier-Journal.*

In 1865 I was the State's Attorney in the judicial district of Kentucky.

I had gone to the county of O—, one of the counties in the district, for the purpose of being present in the prosecution of the criminals. There had been no court held in that county since 1861, owing to the civil war. I found everything in the worst confusion possible. Men had been murdered in cold blood, and nothing was done with their murderers. Murder, arson, robbery and all the crimes in the catalogue, had been committed with impunity, and the malefactors had gone unwhipped of justice, owing to the absence of law. During the war everything was anarchy; there was neither safety to women nor innocent children—all suffered alike. When it was known that there would be a circuit court held in that county, the news attracted a very large crowd.

On Monday morning, November 8th, 1865, I found a large crowd in B—, the county seat of O—. Men, women and children came, some thirty miles. Guerrillas and bushwhackers came with their guns and pistols, as if to overawe the court, and determined that none of their gang should be indicted for the numerous murders of which they had been guilty. Court opened, and the Sheriff returned his list of a grand jury. The Court instructed them as to their duty; they were sworn and sent to their rooms. I had determined in my own mind that every person that had been guilty of a felony or misdemeanor in O— county should be regularly indicted, if I could in any way obtain the evidence against them.

There was a case that was shrouded in mystery. A young man, who was the pride of a widowed mother, had suddenly disappeared from the county about two years before and had never been heard from. His name was Charles Belknap; he was an only child; handsome, finely-educated, and as brave as a lion. I made diligent inquiry, I had about one hundred witnesses summoned. I examined them closely, and when I dismissed them I warned them to tell no one what transpired in the grand-jury room. In that way I hoped to keep the real murderer in the dark as to what I was doing.

I could only gather the following circumstances in the case: That young Belknap had left his home in June, 1863, and was riding a very fine horse, with 1,500 in his possession. He failed to return at night, and his mother became very uneasy about him and the next morning set out to inquire for him. She went to the house of Squire Mosely, who lived about five miles from her, a leading man in the county, and told her story and made inquiries concerning her son. The Squire told her that her son was at his house the day before and left in the direction of the town B; that he left about 10 o'clock in the morning. This was all she could hear of him. No one else had seen him, and she returned home a broken-hearted mother. She made inquiries of every person; every stranger that passed was interrogated, but all in vain. She still kept up her search for her missing boy, and about twelve months after he had so mysteriously disappeared, she was returning home from one of her searches and met Squire Mosely. The Squire told her he had heard from her boy; that he was in Iowa. He had received a letter from him, and that he would be at home soon, &c. Mrs. Belknap went directly to the Squire's house without communicating her intention to him, and inquired of the family for the letter that the Squire had received from her long lost boy. The family seemed surprised, and knew nothing about such a letter having been received.

This was all the evidence I could get to the probable fate of her son. What was I to do? I went to my room and studied over the matter. How could I say that young Belknap had been murdered? His body had not been found; and who would dare to accuse Squire Mosely of such a crime? I lay in my bed that night, thinking over the circumstances, and it was near 4 o'clock in the morning when I fell asleep. I slept until 8 o'clock, I got up, washed and dressed myself, fully determined to indict Squire Mosely for the crime of murder. I went to the grand jury room, directly after eating a hearty breakfast. I told the foreman what my intentions were, I drew up the indictment, accusing Squire Mosely of the crime of murder, committed as follows, viz:

"The said Squire Mosely, on the — day of August, 1863, in the county of O—, did feloniously and with malice afore-

thought kill and murder Charles Belknap by shooting him with a gun loaded with a leaden bullet, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

I presented the indictment to the grand jury, and they endorsed it a true bill. I cautioned the members of the jury to say nothing about what we had done, but to keep the whole thing secret, and if before the court adjourned nothing turned up to fix the crime on the Squire, that we could destroy the indictment. The grand jury found indictments against eighteen persons for murder, and so secretly was it managed that the sheriff had them all in jail at once.

The indicting of so many persons naturally produced great excitement among the citizens. I went to my room that night and double-locked my door, examined my pistol and put it under the head of my bed. About 12 o'clock I heard a knock at my door; I demanded who was there. A person answered, "a friend." I got up, lit a lamp, took my pistol in my hand and opened the door. A stranger stepped in. I closed the door and demanded his business. He seemed very much frightened, and casting a hasty glance around the room to satisfy himself that there was no other person in the room except myself, he told me that his name was Colby, and stated that he wanted to communicate a very important fact to me concerning the fate of young Belknap. I told him to proceed. He wanted to know whether he could turn State's evidence and save himself. I replied in the affirmative. He then told me that he knew where young Belknap was buried, that Squire Mosely had killed him, and got \$1,500 from his person, and had run Belknap's horse off and sold him to some Confederate soldiers, and that he had assisted Mosely in burying Belknap. I told Colby to keep his seat in my room, that he should not be hurt; and I went out, hunted up the sheriff and told him to get eight or ten reliable men and bring them to my room. He did so. I then took the sheriff and Colby into a room and made Colby repeat the story over to that officer. I then directed the sheriff to procure a sack and take Colby and the men he had brought with him and go and get the bones of young Belknap and bring them to my room that night. The sheriff did as I directed him.

When court convened the next morning, and as I stepped into the court-room, Squire Mosely was the first man I saw. I had the grand jury called, and they presented the indictment against Squire Mosely for murder. People looked at one another in blank amazement, and looked incredulous. Squire Mosely marched up to the bar and demanded a trial then; that the charge was a base fabrication and false. He did so. I told him to empty the contents on a bench in front of Squire Mosely; and as the bones of the murdered man fell out upon the bench, they seemed to sound the death knell of the man. He looked the picture of despair, and dropped in his seat and covered his face with his hands. I announced to the court that all that was mortal of Charles Belknap was then in court, and I was ready to proceed with the trial.

Excitement ran high, the mob shrieked and howled "Hang him! hang him!" and the court was powerless to protect the miserable man. The mob, with the mother of young Charles Belknap at their head, forcibly took the trembling culprit out of the custody of the sheriff and hung him to a limb of the nearest tree. Before he swung off he acknowledged his guilt. And as I passed by his lifeless form swinging from the limb of that tree, I was forcibly reminded of the legal phrase, "Murder will out."

A Japanese Execution.

The London Times has received from a correspondent the following account of a Japanese execution:

I went to see an execution at Yedo out of a vile curiosity. I repeated of it, but still it was a most extraordinary spectacle, and impressed me very much. The culprits were eight in number, one being a woman. They were all beheaded with a sword. The operation was performed with wonderful dexterity and coolness, and not one of them, even the woman, showed the slightest symptom of fear. There was a space of ground roped off; inside were three holes dug in the ground, with a little mound behind each, on which was spread a mat for the criminal to kneel on. On one side of the enclosure were two Japanese officials, in chairs, to see the thing properly conducted. I had a place directly in front of the mounds, at about six feet distance. The criminals were placed in a row on one side of the enclosure, blindfolded with paper (they use paper for everything there). What struck me most was the horrid coolness of the executioner's assistant, a good-looking lad of about eighteen. He went up to each poor wretch in his turn, gave him a tap on the shoulder, led him up to the mound and made him kneel on the mat; he then strapped his shoulders, made him stretch out his neck and said: "That will do," and in a flash the man's head was in the hole in front of him, and his bleeding neck was, as it were, staring me in the face. The assistant, still with the same pleasant smile, picked the head up, threw some water over the face to wash off the blood and mud, and presented it to the Japanese officials, who nodded, and signed to go on with the next; the assistant then gave the corpse a blow between the shoulders to expel the blood, and finally threw the carcass aside like a log of wood. He then repeated the same pleasant programme with the next.

I never thought a man's head could come off so easily; it was like chopping cabbages, only accompanied with a peculiar and most horrid sound—that of cutting meat, in fact. There was a dense crowd of Japanese present, including many women, and even children; these people never ceased to eat, smoke and chatter the whole time, making remarks on the performance, and even occasionally laughing, just as if it were at a theatre. The executioner poured water on his sword between each decapitation, as one wets a knife in order to cut india-rubber.

When you hear a man say that the world owes him a living, you may be sure here are overcharges on his bill.

Truth sometimes tastes like a medicine, but that is an evidence that we are ill.

A Romantic Story—A Woman's Plot.

The telegraph has briefly announced the escape of Sharkey, the murderer of Dunn, confined under sentence of death in the New York Tombs. The New York Sun of Saturday morning details the particulars: *Indicates that Sharkey escaped.*

"As soon as the fact of Sharkey's escape was known it was telegraphed to the police central office, and an investigation was begun. At first the keeper (Phillips) professed the utmost ignorance. Then he remembered that two women approaching from Sharkey's cell had presented their tickets and passed down the staircase. The wife of Mart Allen, the burglar, he had suffered to go through the gate without a ticket, she having told him that Warden Johnson permitted her to enter without a ticket, she having told him that Warden Johnson permitted her to enter without a ticket. This woman upon reaching the outer gate in the office, having failed to show a ticket was halted by the keeper stationed there. Women visitors upon entering the prison were given red cards to receive white ones. The warden said that he wanted to communicate a very important fact to me concerning the fate of young Belknap. I told him to proceed. He wanted to know whether he could turn State's evidence and save himself. I replied in the affirmative. He then told me that he knew where young Belknap was buried, that Squire Mosely had killed him, and got \$1,500 from his person, and had run Belknap's horse off and sold him to some Confederate soldiers, and that he had assisted Mosely in burying Belknap. I told Colby to keep his seat in my room, that he should not be hurt; and I went out, hunted up the sheriff and told him to get eight or ten reliable men and bring them to my room. He did so. I then took the sheriff and Colby into a room and made Colby repeat the story over to that officer. I then directed the sheriff to procure a sack and take Colby and the men he had brought with him and go and get the bones of young Belknap and bring them to my room that night. The sheriff did as I directed him.

The prisoner in the cell opposite that of Sharkey told the warden that he saw Maggie Jordan in front of the cell as usual, and that another woman whom he afterwards recognized as the wife of Mart Allen, was with her. Maggie Jordan had a key and unlocked the cell door, and the woman with her passed a package to Sharkey, and then the door was closed. He noticed that Sharkey's moustache had been shaved off. In a few moments the door was again opened and Sharkey attire in woman's clothing stepped out, and Mrs. Allen gave him her ticket. When asked why he made no outcry at the time, the prisoner said that none of the keepers were around. Sharkey wore a white veil, the prisoner said, and went out with Maggie Jordan. 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The Right of Repeat.

It is a ridiculous idea that the government of the United States and the Radical party are one and the same thing. They are as wide apart as the antipodes, and as different as black and white.

It is very true that for years past the Radical party has administered the government of this country, and very wretchedly and oppressively at that, but the government itself is above and beyond this party, depending alone upon the people for its existence and not to a fast decaying party held together by the prospect of public plunder. The government will live and prosper long after the Radical party shall have been impeached, convicted and sent to the political scaffold by the people, for the high crimes it has committed against the Constitution it was sworn to preserve and defend.

The charges are made that whoever seeks to repeal the acts of the party in power is a "bloody revolutionist." In other words, whoever desires the Constitution restored to its original beauty and simplicity as it came from the hands of our fathers, and under which we prospered as never did any other people known in history, is a traitor. If we wish to find the real traitors, we must look for them in the ranks of those who have been false to their oaths, who have, by unconstitutional means, changed the organic law of the land, who denounce "the Constitution as it was" and who shamefully declared, as a Radical Senator did in New York, a few years since, that "the platform of the Republican party has taken the place of that decayed and worm-eaten bequest of the fathers of the Republic—the Constitution of the United States." There are the real traitors to be found, and they are hand in glove with all the devilment in the country.

The repeal of laws which the enlightened sentiment of the masses condemns is one of those popular prerogatives which give strength and stability to government such as ours was intended by its founders to be. It is a right which has been exercised from the beginning, and will be exercised as long as we have a government. It would be a pretty state of affairs to brand as "bloody revolutionists" all who claim that right, and would savor more of the despotic governments of Russia and Turkey, where men are knotted and bowstrung for even daring to hint their dislike to the laws, it matters not how oppressive they may be.

The people are sovereigns in this country, and if they, at any future time, after having fairly tested these laws, and become convinced that they are injurious to their peace, progress and prosperity, shall determine to repeal, modify or amend them, they will do so in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, in spite of threats and denunciation. But they say that such action will cause a "conflict." If that should be true, which thank Heaven, it never will be, then the conflict would have to be inaugurated by the party leaders against the people.

We have said nothing, nor argued about the expediency or non-expediency of repealing or modifying certain radical measures which are daily becoming more objectionable. That is a question which the future will determine, and it may be years yet before it is determined. We merely defend the constitutional right of the people to repeal any law they see fit to repeal, which right has been rudely assailed by the radical leaders, with the cry of "bloody conflict" to intimidate the popular action in the way of reform.

GOOD AND TRUE.—We are glad to see that good old family newspaper, the *New York Observer*, has come out boldly in opposition to the foolish practice of baiting subscribers with cheap pictures. It denounces the premium business demoralizing, and repudiates it altogether. It will not be long before every paper that is worth having will take the same stand. A good family newspaper at \$3 a year is the cheapest luxury that can be enjoyed, and we can heartily recommend the *New York Observer* as such a paper. S. I. Prime & Co., 37 Park Row, New York.

The Fair grounds and building at Goldsboro were sold on Friday under a foreclosure of a mortgage of \$3,500.

No War.

No doubt a large majority of our readers, if not all, will be pleased to learn from the annexed dispatch that, in all probability, peaceful relations between Spain and this country will be maintained, as Spain has made satisfactory concessions, and agreed to the ultimatum of the United States:

MADRID, Nov. 29.—The Spanish cabinet has agreed to the delivery to the United States Government the steamship Virginias and all the persons remaining alive, who were captured with her, leaving the question whether the seizure of the vessel was legal to be settled hereafter by a mixed tribunal. The question whether damages shall be paid to the families or relatives of the prisoners who were shot is also to be settled in a similar manner. The decision was not arrived at by the government before it had confidentially consulted with Europe, and was informed by all of them that reparation was due for the capture of the steamer and the execution of captives. The decision is also in conformity with the opinions of the leading Spanish statesmen of all parties to whom the question was submitted by the government.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A double-headed editorial in the *Times* treats of peace as a formal conclusion and praise what it calls the good temper and tact of Admiral Polk and Secretary Fish in having effected it. It alleges that there is no impropriety in mentioning that Admiral Polk brought about a peaceable solution without forgetting for a moment the claims of his own country. The *Herald*'s dispatch says: "Secretary Fish has no doubt that the Spanish Government will be able to enforce orders in restoring the Virginias to the United States. The Colonial Minister Saler, now in Havana, will personally see that orders of the home government are carried out."

All the Washington special in the morning journals unite in asserting that Spain has conceded to our demands and peace is assured. The *Tribune* dispatch says: "The dispatch deciding the grave question whether there shall be peace or war between the United States and Spain was received by Mr. Fish to-night and communicated to the President and Cabinet. It is of the most satisfactory character, and concedes all demands made by the United States. Those demands, as heretofore stated were as follows: First, the release of the officers and crew of the Virginias yet living. Second, the return of the Virginias. Third, salute of the flag, and provision for the families of the slain captives. The only reservation on the part of Spain is with reference to firing the salute. To enable further investigation to be made, the date for this salute has been fixed at the 25th of December, to provide for the contingency of Spain's not being able to enforce promised concessions. The work on naval construction is not to be interrupted." The *Times* dispatch in addition to the above, says Spain also agrees to bring to trial and punishment the officers who perpetrated the horrible butchery.

The North Carolina Resolutions.—The following preamble and resolutions were offered in the Senate of our Legislature by Mr. Dunham, and placed on the calendar:

Whereas, The authorities of the island or Cuba, in criminal disregard of the usages of civilization and of common humanity, and in open defiance of the power of the Government of the United States, have recently murdered certain of its citizens while under the protection of its flag; and

Whereas, for five years the patriots of Cuba have successfully resisted the efforts of the Spanish government to reduce them into subjugation, and have maintained and are now maintaining war in defense of their liberties and for the establishment of constitutional government. Now, therefore, the General Assembly of North Carolina do—

Resolve.—That in their opinion it has now become, the duty of the government of the United States to recognize the belligerent rights of the patriot army, and to demand ample reparation for the outrage offered to its flag, and swift punishment upon the murderers of its citizens.

Resolved.—That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the President of the United States, and to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Interesting Decisions of Judge Dick.—In the matter of W. H. Deaver and Oscar Eastmond, the Court decided:

1st. That under the Internal Revenue act an officer has no right to search the private office of individuals or companies or papers in order to determine whether stamped or not. That this provision of the law only applies to whisky and tobacco, in which cases the Marshal or his deputy may search the private possessions of an officer for objects of stamp and taxation.

2nd. That a United States Commissioner has jurisdiction co-extensive with the District, but when it appears that a county has a commissioner, such commissioner is entitled to try the cases in that county.

3d. That a U. S. Commissioner has no right to travel with the Marshal, and to search an office in the course of his duty, except in the handling of the evidence; that such a travelling officer might justly be regarded as a nuisance by the community.

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The above decisions will afford information to the people on the workings of the Revenue law. Great irregularities have existed in the administration of this law, and gross abuses; but Judge Dick, at the present term of the Court, has led the officers to a strict enforcement of the law.

Asheville Expositor.—Nov. 13th.

Public Lands.

During the last fiscal year public lands were disposed of as follows: Cash sales, 1,626,266.03 acres; located with military warrants, 214,940 acres, taken for homesteads, 3,792,612.52; located with agricultural college scrip, 653,448.41; certified to railroads, 603,357.57; certified to wagon roads, 76,076.83; approved to States as swamp, 238,548.65; certified for common schools, 76,098.17; certified for universities, 41,228.69; certified to seminaries, 320; approved to States for internal improvements, 170,775.76; Indian scrip locations, 14,222.96. Total, 13,030,606.87. Disposals of previous year, 1,165,631.23. The cash receipts under various heads amounted to \$3,408,515.50.

The surveys during the same period were as follows: Minnesota, 2,399,136.81 acres; Kansas, 3,464,226.04; Nebraska, 4,417,337.66; Oregon, 1,319,140.68; Washington Territory, 1,360,451; Colorado Territory, 2,298,401.12; Utah Territory, 545,593.83; Arizona Territory, 302,900.15; New Mexico Territory, 391,341.23; Dakota Territory, 4,295,899.23; Idaho Territory, 646,586.77; Montana Territory, 1,473,917.76; Wyoming Territory, 1,193,599.88; Indian Territory, 4,966,243.97; Louisiana, 172,377.96; Florida, 730,193.68; Total, 31,498,132.83. Surveyed during previous year, 29,450,939.55. Increase in number of acres surveyed, 1,037,193.28. Total area of the land, States and Territories, 1,833,326. Surveyed during the last fiscal year, 30,488,152; previously surveyed, 586,065.763. Total surveyed to date, 1,218,444.695. Pending year to be surveyed, 1,218,444.695.

[Special to the Baltimore Sun.]

Annual Report of the Postmaster-General.

BUSINESS OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The revenues of the Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, were \$22,966,741.57, and the expenditures \$22,665,192.31. The increase of revenue over 1872 was \$1,081,315.20, and increase of expenditures \$2,426,752.36. During the year the railroad routes have been increased in length 5,546 miles, and in cost \$754,425. The number of railway postoffice lines in operation on June 30, 1873, was fifty-nine, extending over 14,866 miles of railroad and steamboat routes. The number of money order postoffices in operation during the last fiscal year was 2,775. The number of domestic money orders issued during the year was 3,355,686, the aggregate value of which was \$57,516,216.69. These transactions show an increase over those of 1872 of \$9,00,683.97. From May 1 to September 30 of this year the total number of postal cards issued was 64,302,800. In regard to the repeal of the franking privilege the Postmaster-General says the results of the first quarter of the current year are highly satisfactory, and have fully verified the predictions of the friends of repeal. He estimates the sales of postal cards for 1868 as amounting up to \$1,034,732 and of official stamps at \$2,250,000.

PRE-PAYMENT OF NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

The Postmaster-General renewes his recommendation for the pre-payment of postage on newspapers at the office of mailing. He says collections of newspaper postage are now made with great difficulty, and there is no provision whatever by which dishonesty or negligence can be detected, and the department is compelled to accept whatever sum of money postmasters choose to charge against themselves. If his idea is adopted he believes he could safely consent to a reduction in newspaper rates of forty percent in the present prices. He recommends a reduction of a postage on all rates of the third-class to one cent each two ounces or fraction thereof. He devotes considerable space to the recommendation for the establishment of

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

He thinks the adoption of this system by the government would prevent any new look up of currency as has lately been witnessed. He recommends that no depositor shall be allowed to deposit in any one year more than \$300, and no greater accumulation of deposits than \$1,000 shall be permitted for one depositor, the United States to pay 4 per cent. interest. He says it would strengthen our national finances by throwing these accumulations into the treasury, which, in turn, by judicious investments, would afford to monetary and banking institutions the very relief they now so eagerly seek. Thousands who doubt the security of the banks and savings institutions, whether private or organized under State laws, would cheerfully place their surplus money upon such terms in the keeping of the government. He disputes the argument that these banks would interfere with the existing saving banks if they are managed as originally designed without hope of profit or reward, but to provide a safe place for the small savings of the laboring classes. If savings banks are subjected to risks and prostitution for purposes of gain for their managers they should be overthrown. If on the contrary, they continue to be well managed and pay a greater rate of interest than that paid by the government, they will in no wise be put to disadvantage, because every depositor will be left free to select his place of deposit. Neither does he think that the national banks can raise any objection. As to the argu-

ment he says that the only question is whether it is constitutional, and if it is, then the only thing to be considered is whether their establishment would on the whole be advantageous for the people and the government. If it can be shown that postal savings depositories will serve to fortify the national credit, make more equal the financial operations of the country, cultivate habits of thrift among the industrial classes, and illustrate the excellence of our institutions by protecting and augmenting the accumulations of self-denying toil, and thus in time merging the workingman into the capitalist, the cry of centralization cannot be made to drown the voice of the people in their demand that the government of the United States shall execute for their benefit the high offices enjoined upon it by the Constitution.

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A postal convention, establishing and regulating an exchange of correspondence between the United States and Japan, by the means of direct lines of steamers plying between the seaports of the two countries, has been formally agreed upon and executed with the charge d'affaires of Japan at Washington, and is to be carried into effect six months after its ratification by the government of Japan.

The Postmaster-General, in speaking of the regulation between the United States and France for a postal convention, says the department yielded to France in the increase of the rate of letter postage, and the advantage of rating and collecting the postage by the smaller standard of weight, and nothing can be urged against its adoption except the demand that this country shall use the exceptional French standard for rating letters. It has been submitted by the French minister to his government for instructions, and the Postmaster-General trusts that it will be accepted, as it concedes all that, in his judgment, the department can concede to effect a settlement of the vexed question in controversy, a due regard being had to the interests and convenience of the American people.

DISASTER AT SEA.—The steamship *Ville du Havre* from New York for Havre took Two hundred persons lost, and eighty-seven rescued.

Mrs. John Staples, of Penn's Store, Patrick County, Va., died last week.

John P. Hale, one of the original panel of Abolitionists, died at his residence in Dover, New Hampshire, last week.

The funeral of John P. Hale took place at Dover on Saturday last, at 2 o'clock.

Congress met on Monday.

FOREIGN NEWS.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Nov. 29.—At the bombardment of Cartagena, on Wednesday, the arsenal and barracks were the chief marks for the besiegers' artillery, but the Cathedral and hospital were also struck. On Friday the theatre, the Protestant church and two iron streets were destroyed and 270 persons were killed and wounded within the city. The insurgents have raised the black flag on the forts. At last accounts the fire around the city was subsiding. The loss of the besiegers has been exceedingly small. The officers of the Foreign squadrons succeeded in obtaining an armistice of four hours on Friday night.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The bombardment of Cartagena continues, the city is filled with wounded. Seventeen houses, including the principal hospital, have been destroyed.

PARIS.—Bill to provide for an additional term of the Superior Court of Guiford county, passed its several readings.

HOUSE.—By Mr. Settle: A bill making it a misdemeanor for any person who has

executed a chattel mortgage, dead or trust

to intent to deface the mortgage. Referred.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Post Office Directory.

Salem, N. C., Post Office Arrangement.—Office hours from 7 a. m. to eight p. m. during the week. Time of arrival and closing the mails. N. W. N. C. R. from Greensboro to Salem, due 6:30 p. m. closes at 9 p. m.

Mount Airy mail closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a. m.; due Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a. m.

Madison mail due Monday, Wednesday and Friday by 3 p. m.; close Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a. m.

Jerusalem mail closes every Monday at 7 a. m.; due every Saturday by 7 p. m.

Jonesville Mail due every Friday by 7 p. m.; closes at 9 p. m.

Walkerton mail closes every Friday at 4 p. m.; due every Saturday at 7 p. m.

Panther Creek mail closes every Saturday at 7 a. m.; due 8 p. m.

No mails are received or sent on Sunday the Office will not be open on that day.

H. W. SHORE, P. M.

R. J. WILLIAMS, DEC'D.—The Postmaster at this place handed us the following for publication as the best means of reaching the parties interested:

GAINSVILLE, COOK CO., TEXAS,
November 24th, 1873.

To the friends of R. J. Williams:
On or about the 4th

day of this month, a young man of the above name died at my house in this place. Since his death I have been informed that he was formerly from Forsyth Co., N. C. If that is his home and his friends or relatives wish for further information, they can address me at this place. The young man above mentioned was about 20 or 25 years of age. Very respectfully,

E. C. SIMMONS.

SAD ACCIDENT.—A very sad accident took place at 1 o'clock, P. M., on Friday last, in the Salem Academy. Miss Sallie Tilkey, of Augusta, Ga., while practicing on a piano, in one of the rooms set apart for that purpose, found her clothing on fire. She buried into the next room, where two of her room-mates attempted to put the fire out, but did not succeed.

Running down stairs for help, fanned the flames to such an extent, that she was soon enveloped in a blaze before assistance came, which was rendered promptly by Prof. Linckback, who in doing so, burned his hands severely. The young lady was so badly injured, that the attending physicians could only alleviate her suffering, with no prospect of saving her life. With wonderful calmness, Miss T. was only anxious to know her fate, expressing her readiness to meet her God, and that she could trust her Saviour, be it for life or for death. At her request, prayer was offered for her, and her favorite chapters read, John, 14; Psalm 23, Rev. 21 and 22.

She related what she knew of the origin of the fire,—doubtless a spark settling in her clothing,—and expressed her wish to see her friends before she died. This was, however, denied her, as she breathed her last at 7 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday, and the afflicted parents could not arrive till Sunday morning, when they saw their only child a corpse indeed, but looking happy and beautiful in death. Loving and tender hands had, with aching hearts, prepared her for the grave, and the whole family saw a much loved and respected member for the last time, with solemn awe, and still that comfort, that she had gone to enjoy the pleasures prepared for all who love the Lord.

The remains were taken home for interment.

A WOMMACK & CO. have removed to the Vogler Building, and will be pleased to see their friends. Goods will be sold at prices to suit the times.

FOUND DEAD.—Nicholas Garbode, a native of Germany, but for many years a resident of this neighborhood, was found dead in his bed on Monday. The coroner reports that after due examination, it was found unnecessary to summon a jury of inquest, as deceased had been in feeble health for some time, and the conclusion arrived at is that his death came from natural causes. Mr. Garbode was about 75 years of age.

HEAVY PORK.—A. Fogle, Esq., steward of Salem Female Academy, slaughtered 21 hogs last week, averaging 333 pounds each. The heaviest weighed 435 pounds.

STOKES COUNTY.—The Danbury Reporter says, "there are 72 cases on the State and 84 on the civil docket, and we learn the term closed on Thursday of the first week." The Reporter assigns no reason for so short a term with so much business on hand.

THANKSGIVING DAY. was observed by service in the Moravian Church, Rev. E. A. DeSchweinitz delivered a very appropriate and impressive discourse. Business was, however, only partially suspended, many of our country friends being in town, and of course, were accommodated by our merchants.

Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the Moravian Church, at Friedberg, preached to his congregation on Thanksgiving Day.

PORK PACKING. has commenced in good earnest in our city. The weather is dry, cold, and bracing, and very favorable for the business. Most of the hogs are very fine, weighing from 250 to 350 for twelve and eighteen month olds, and as high as 400 and upwards for two year olds.

The Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled at Friendship Church, nine miles west of Lexington, yesterday, 3rd instant.

I HAVE USED DR. SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR in my family for Dyspepsia and Seizure Headache, and regard it as an invaluable remedy in those attacks. It has not failed to give relief in any instance.

REV. W. F. EASTERLING,
Florida Conference.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—We notice a number of members of the Legislature have obtained short leaves of absence. We learn the Representatives of Davidson, Stokes, Forsyth and others were at home a few days since, a short time only.

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Kernersville Items.

It seems our Kernersville correspondent has not quite forgotten us. Under date of Dec. 1 he informs us that the Commissioners of that town did not decide in favor of a "drum shop" being opened near the R. R. depot, which he claims as a glorious victory. The Good Templars are steadily growing in numbers and bid fair to do much good.

The Post Office has been removed to a locality where the P. M. can render better accommodations. Mr. F. G. Chilcutt has resigned as R. R. Agent, and R. P. Kerner has been appointed in his place. Mr. Kerner has also received the appointment of Express Agent, the office having been opened the first of the week.

MARY ACCIDENTS AND SHOOTING SCARE.—The Visitor informs us that James Bolton fell from a wagon and was run over, breaking his leg.—James Taylor's leg was broken by his having fallen among a drove of mules and being run over.—Ephraim Midkiff, of that neighborhood, in falling a tree, was struck by a limb, which broke his collar bone.—A colored shooting affair took place in town, in which one of the party was shot in the thigh, and the other jailed for his pains.

MARRIED. On the morning of Nov. 29th, Miss SALLIE G. TILKEY, daughter of Mr. John Tilkey, of Augusta, Ga. Her age was 17 years less 4 days.

During the time she was an inmate of Salem Female Academy, she gave evidence of all her worthiness, gentleness and goodness, as well as by her amiable, genial and good nature.

The great Author of Life has seen fit to recall the spirit which he gave, in the fair morning of life, her soul having gone to heaven, the stars faded out of the sky, without leaving for the last and briefest of the day. Though God, in His inscrutable wisdom, sent her literally in a chariot of fire, with her we know it is well.—she was neither troubled nor afraid, for she died in the full enjoyment of her Father's House, and though we need not be told, we trust she is now learning at the Master's feet, redeemed and glorified. For her there was "Short Toll-Eternal Rest."

**SPirit freed from earth.
Rejoice! thy work is done,
The world rejoiceth beneath thy feet,
Thou brightenest the sun!
Awake, and breathe thy air!
Of the celestial clime!**

**Awake to love that knows no change
Those who art done with time.
Awake to life that knows no change
With those of mortal birth;
The living God hath touched thy lips,
Those who art done with Earth!**

E. L. Near Kernersville, on the 24th ult., Mrs. ELIZABETH SHELDON.

TROPICAL FRUITS.—A Fresh supply of Oranges, Lemons, and other Tropical Fruits just received at C. W. VOGLER'S Grocery Store.

THE SCRAP BOOK. A few specimens of ThScrap Book still on hand. Price 10 cents by mail.

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WE have just started a FOUNDRY at Salem, N. C., under the name and style of the Salem Agricultural Works. We have also on hand a large lot of Agricultural Implements and Labor Saving Machinery.

We are prepared to do all kinds of Iron or Brass casting at short notice, and on as reasonable terms as can be had elsewhere, considering the freight.

We would therefore solicit your orders for work in our line. We shall make Plows, Ploys, Mill-Gear, Mill-Work, Hollow Ware,

and all kinds of repairs for horse powers, &c., &c. We expect to keep on hand also, a varied assortment of labor saving machinery, such as Threshers and Cleaners, Mowers and Reapers, Hay Rakes, Nailers, Hammers, Corners, Chip Mills, Vegetable Slicers, Washing Machines, Clothes Wringer, Fire Extinguishers, Scales, Hand Shoe Pegging Machines, Sewing Machines, Scroll Saws, &c., &c.

1000 lbs. Old Casting Wanted.

We will pay the highest market prices for OLD IRON OR BRASS CASTING.

Turn your Old Metal, and exchange it for new.

Save all the little pieces, they be ever so few;

And when you have collected every one you can find, Don't make a mistake, but bear it in mind.

To take your Old Castings to the Salem Agricultural Works.

Tis there they make the new things out of the old, Out of the sand they take something better than gold.

There along along your pattern, your work they will do.

CHEAT, SMOOTH, SUBSTANTIAL, Perfect and True, At the Salem Agricultural Works.

If you want a Machine, Harrow, Plow, or what not, Go to their War-room and see what they've got; They'll not charge you for merely looking around.

But hope to sell you something as soon as that something you have found.

At the Salem Agricultural Works, Salem, N. C. Nov. 27, 1873.

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The General R. E. Lee Monument.

The colossal monument to the memory of Gen. Lee which is now rapidly being constructed under the direction and skill of Prof. Valentine, will, when completed, be the greatest triumph of art and mechanical skill ever produced in this country.

The statue will be surrounded by a surrounding fence, Gen. Lee enveloped in his military cloak.

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